

### **In The Specification**

Please amend the specification as shown:

**Please delete the paragraph on page 3, line 24, and replace it with the following paragraph:**

Fig. 8A represents an antisense sequence **(SEQ ID NO: 4)**.

**Please delete paragraph [0084] on pages 21-22, and replace it with the following paragraph:**

#### **RT-PCR**

The total RNAs were produced by the same technique as described above. The quality and cleanliness of the RNAs were verified on denaturing gel. The reverse transcription was performed using the Qiagen Omniscript<sup>™</sup> kit in a specific manner with a 20 mers LTR primer. The conditions used were 10 ng of LTR primer, 2.5 mM of dNTP, 1 µg of total RNA supplemented by 2 OU or RNase inhibitor (RNasin<sup>®</sup>), buffer RT and 4 OU of reverse transcriptase. The mixture was incubated for one hour at 37°C and for 5 minutes at 94°C. The RT products of the specific cDNAs were amplified by PCR using two other primers named as 1 and as 2. The reaction conditions were 0.25 mM dNTP, 100 ng of each of the primers and 1/20<sup>th</sup> of the RT product, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, buffer Taq pol and 1U of enzyme Taq pol (Perkins Elmer N801-0060). The cycles employed were 4 minutes 94°C and 30 cycles (30 s 94°C, 45 s 61°C, 1 min 72°C) and 10 minutes at 72°C.

LTR: AGATATCCTGTTTGGCCAT **(SEQ ID NO: 1)**

AS1: GCCGTGCATCATCCTGACTG **(SEQ ID NO: 2)**

AS2: CTGTTCCCTGACCTTGATCTG **(SEQ ID NO: 3)**